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CENTRE STATE FARM IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a Centre-State Farm in each district of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large area of land acquired for the purpose in Karnataka is lying unutilised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, districtwise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of the said land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): One Central State Farm was set up in 1969 at Jawalgera in Raichur district of Karnataka by National Seeds Corporation (NSC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of this Department.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Raichur Farm has a total area of 2959 ha., of which 2634 ha Is under cultivation and remaining area is under roads, godowns, administrative buildings, etc. Out of the area under cultivation, only 1000 ha is irrigated and remaining 1634 ha. area is rainfed.

(e): The farm is mainly used for the production of Breeder and Foundation Seeds. The production program of National Seeds Corporation (NSC) particularly foundation seeds to certified seeds taken on growers/farmers fields is now being diverted to the farms of NSC, and various development works including construction of Farm Ponds and installation of Sprinkler Irri- gation Systems (e.g. Central Pivot) are under progress to enhance utilization of the said land.